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For: Methods for Producing Ethanol and Methane from Biomass		

**Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers**

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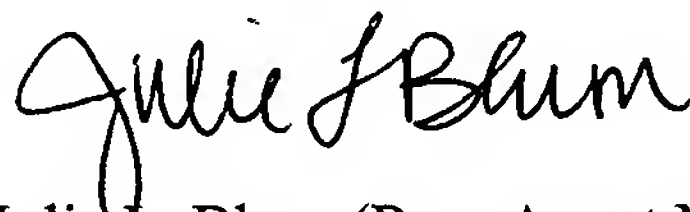
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1. A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;  
and
2. a replacement copy of Figure 1.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any

fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie L. Blum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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***Notice of Allowance Mailed***

This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

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### IDENTIFICATION OF DRAWING DEFICIENCIES

- ☒ The character of the lines, numbers, and letters is poor. FIG(s) 1
- ☐ There is a hole or the image thereof within the illustration. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ An ink stamp or the image thereof obscures part of the illustration. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The illustration is penetrated or traversed by a solid or broken line that is not intended to be part of the drawing, such as a dark line caused by a flaw in the copying process. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ Figure numbers are duplicated or missing. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ The drawing and/or the FIG. label contain(s) foreign language. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Color drawings are present in this application but the following 37 CFR 1.84(a) requirements have not been met\*:
- ☐ Petition explaining why color drawings are necessary
  - ☐ Petition fee set forth in § 1.17(h)
  - ☐ Three (3) sets of color drawings
  - ☐ Color drawing paragraph in specification

\*If color drawings are not elected, then applicant **must respond** so stating. Also, references to color drawings in the specification, if any, must be amended.

COMMENTS: Figure 1 contains illegible data due to the background